CROCHET KEYCHAIN: BEAUTIFUL LITTLE FROG IN 12 QUICK ROUNDS

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FINISHED SIZE

About 2.5 in (6 cm) tall, not counting the key ring and short chain.

SKILL LEVEL

Confident beginner. You need a magic ring, chains, slip stitches, single crochet, half double crochet, double crochet, increases, and invisible decreases, plus simple sewing and embroidery. The head and body are one piece.

TIME

Under 90 minutes, as the source pattern states.

MATERIALS

- DK cotton in green, about 25 yd (23 m)
- Small amounts of cream, black, and pink yarn
- 2.75 mm crochet hook
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Key ring with short chain

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. dc: double crochet. dec: invisible decrease. FO: fasten off. hdc: half double crochet. inc: 2 sc in one stitch. MR: magic ring. sc: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).

NOTES

This pattern is written in US crochet terms. Numbers in parentheses show the stitch count at the end of a round. Use a stitch marker when working in continuous rounds. Work tightly so the stuffing cannot escape. Weave in yarn tails securely and shape the finished piece before photographing it. Yarn, tension, and finishing choices affect the final result. Read the full pattern once before beginning and crochet a prototype before making items for gifts or sale.

GAUGE

Exact gauge is not essential for a charm like this. The source pattern gives no gauge: use a hook that creates neat, tight fabric suitable for the project. No gauge is stated here because the source states none.

HEAD AND BODY

Round 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Round 2: Inc around. (12)

Round 3: (Sc, inc) 6 times. (18)

Round 4: (2 sc, inc) 6 times. (24)

Rounds 5 to 9: Sc around. (24 sts in each of these 5 rounds)

Round 10: (2 sc, dec) 6 times. (18)

Round 11: (Sc, dec) 6 times. (12) Stuff the body now, while the opening is still wide enough to fill it evenly.

Round 12: Dec around. (6) Close the opening.

EYE BUMPS, MAKE 2

Round 1: 6 sc in MR. (6)

Round 2: Inc around. (12)

Round 3: Sc around. (12)

FO, leaving a tail for sewing. Add a tiny amount of stuffing to each bump and sew the bumps to the top of the head. Embroider a black pupil on the front of each bump.

LEGS, MAKE 2

Ch 5. In the second ch from the hook work sl st, then in the next ch work sc, then in the next ch work hdc, then in the final chain work 3 dc. (6 sts in each leg: 1 sl st, 1 sc, 1 hdc, and 3 dc)

FO, leaving a tail for sewing. Sew one leg to each lower side of the body.

FACE

Embroider a black pupil on the front of each eye bump. Embroider a curved smile across the front of the body. Embroider two pink cheeks, one on each side of the smile.

ATTACHING THE KEYCHAIN

Attach the keychain through several sturdy stitches at the top center of the head, never through one loop alone. Secure the metal ring through yarn and underlying stitches so it holds up to daily tugging. Use the short chain between the ring and the frog.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends securely. Shape the finished frog gently with your hands and distribute the stuffing evenly before closing. If the frog comes out oval, check the stitch count and redistribute the stuffing. For a zipper charm, leave the stuffing out of the eye bumps.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. Treat the keychain gently: hand wash cold if it gets dirty and lay flat to dry. Do not bleach. Reshape while damp and let it dry fully before clipping it to keys again.

TIPS FOR A NEAT FROG

- Use a stitch marker. The head and body are worked in continuous rounds, and a missed increase on a piece this small changes the whole shape.
- Work tightly. Loose stitches let the stuffing show through and make the frog floppy on the key ring.
- Stuff at Round 11. Once Round 12 closes the opening to 6 stitches, it is too late to fill the body evenly.
- Stuff the eye bumps lightly. A tiny amount of stuffing keeps them round without making them hard.
- Sew the bumps firmly to the top of the head. They carry no weight, but they are the first thing anyone touches.
- Embroider the eyes instead of using safety eyes. Embroidered eyes are more durable on a keychain and there are no loose plastic pieces.
- Secure the ring through several stitches. One loop alone will stretch and tear with daily use.

VARIATIONS

- Change the colors: make the frog in any color you love, keeping the pink cheeks, or try pastels for gifts and one bold accent color against cream.
- Make it a zipper charm: leave the stuffing out of the eye bumps and attach it to a zipper pull instead of a key ring.
- Make a set: crochet several frogs in different colors for party favors, gifts, or craft fair bundles, after you test your timing and costs.
- Change the yarn weight: a finer yarn and smaller hook make a tinier frog, and a heavier yarn and larger hook make a bigger one. Compare fiber, yardage, and recommended hook size rather than relying only on the weight name.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Crochet Moulati: Mini Crochet Frog Keychain, https://crochet.moulati.ma/2026/09/mini-crochet-frog-keychain-free.html

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